

MARSHALL AT THE TOP

Beats Jaffe After Brilliant Game in Big Chess Tourney.

CAPABLANCA GETS A DRAW

Unable to Beat Chajes, but Latter Loses Lead for the First Time.

In one of the most brilliant games so far played in the national chess masters' tournament, Frank J. Marshall, United States champion, defeated Charles Jaffe in the seventh round at the Café Boulevard yesterday, thereby breaking the tie between him and Oscar Chajes, of Chicago, for first place.

At the close of the day's play Marshall was at the top of the list, leading the westerner by half a point, and was the only player of the thirteen who remained undefeated. Twice he has drawn games, however. Up to yesterday Jaffe was like a undefeated champion, but the forceful tactics of the United States champion broke down his defense. Nevertheless, he brought the position down to a rock and saw nothing, which at one stage promised a draw, and played after a fine struggle lasting sixty-eight moves.

The opinion was freely expressed last night that this victory foreshadowed Marshall's ultimate triumph in the tournament, which, with the completion of the seventh round, passed the half-way mark.

Chajes had J. R. Capablanca, Cuba's champion, for an opponent, and the fine game looked forward to by the spectators was realized. Neither player, however, had opportunities for brilliancy which the game at the next table afforded, and the game was recorded as drawn after a prolonged contest extending over sixty-eight moves. The draw was sufficient to pull down Chajes from his high estate into second place for the first time since he started in the tournament.

At the same time, Capablanca was hindered from making the headway he longed for in order to get upon the track of Marshall, before the latter was beyond his reach. The result of the seventh round left Jaffe in third place, followed by Black, of Brooklyn, who had a bye, and Capablanca.

Jaffe was beaten by L. Tenenwurzel, champion of the River Chess Club, and A. H. Hodges, a victim to W. G. Morris, of the latter in the two. Hodges, however, practically beat himself in trying to bring off a combination which proved unsuccessful. G. H. Walcott, of Boston, resumed play after a day's rest, and improved his position by defeating Magnus Smith, of Brooklyn. D. G. Baird played excellent chess against A. F. Kohnberg and placed another victory to his credit.

The scene of play will change to the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club in Carnegie Hall building to-day, where the eighth round will be begun at 1 o'clock.

The standing to date follows:

Player. Won. Lost. Player. Won. Lost.

Marshall. 7. 0. 0. Jaffe. 6. 1. 0.

Chajes. 6. 1. 0. Capablanca. 5. 1. 1.

Black. 5. 1. 1. Tenenwurzel. 4. 2. 0.

Walcott. 4. 2. 0. Baird. 4. 2. 0.

Smith. 4. 2. 0. Kohnberg. 3. 3. 0.

Morris. 3. 3. 0. Hodges. 3. 3. 0.

Some of the more interesting games in detail follow.

FIRST BOARD—DUTCH DEFENSE.

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